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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC § 371 from
the International Application of :
SHOWELL, Michael Stanford et al :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/00800 :
Filed in the RO/US on 14 January 1999 :
Entitled: DETERGENT TABLETS COMPRISING A
PECTATE LYASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

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2. A tablet according to claim 1 wherein the tensile strength of section 1 is larger than the tensile strength of section 2.
 3. A tablet according to claims 2 wherein section 2 has a larger exposed surface than section 1.
 4. A tablet according to claim 3 wherein section 2 has an exposed surface equal to the exposed surface of the tablet.
 5. A tablet according to claim 4 wherein section 2 is applied by a coating process.
 6. A detergent tablet according to claim 1 wherein section 1 is a slow dissolving section and section 2 is a rapid dissolving section.